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**LOUISVILLE TAX PREPARER CHARGED WITH FRAUDULENT
TAX PREPARATION SCHEME**

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Cleve Daniels, Special Agent In Charge, Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division, Nashville Field Office, announced today that on Monday, November 6, 2006, a federal Grand Jury in Louisville **returned an Indictment** charging **LINDA CONNIE LISTER**, age 54 , of 105 South 5th street, Louisville, Kentucky, with 6 counts of willfully aiding and assisting in the false preparation and filing of tax returns of others and 5 counts of fraudulently forging endorsements on United States Department of Treasury checks .

The Indictment alleges that between August 2002 and continuing until March 2005 that **Lister** willfully prepared and filed fraudulent tax returns on multiple occasions and fraudulently forged endorsements on U.S. Department of Treasury checks on multiple occasions. On the fraudulent tax returns she provided a number of false statements to the Internal Revenue Service, including false deductions, business losses, and the filing status of taxpayers, to generate refunds or to avoid taxes being owed. Lister owned and operated L&W Tax Services, which was in the business of preparing tax returns.

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If convicted, the maximum potential penalties are up to 68 years imprisonment, a fine of \$2,800,000, and supervised release for a period of three years.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Bryan R. Calhoun, and it was investigated by the Internal Revenue Service, Criminal Investigation Division.

The indictment of a person by a Grand Jury is an accusation only and that person is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty.

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